MCD's initiatives for a healthy capital city

2928. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the MCD's new programme for a healthy capital city Delhi; and

(b) the action-plan of Delhi authorities to provide clean drinking water, control plague, malaria, dengue and other infectious diseases and control of HIV virus among the residents of jhuggi clusters and most congested walled city areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Killing of innocent persons

2929. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of inquiry report of Dr. Sonali Bose's death;

(b) whether it is a fact that the police acted in haste, rather than confirming their identity the police party opened fire on Dr. Sonali and her colleagues;

(c) if so, whether this was a similar case that occured in Connaught Place, Delhi where innocent businessmen were shot as a result of mistaken identity;

(d) whether police parties have got authority to open fire before confirming the identity of any person; and

(e) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) As per the information received from the Government of Uttar Pradesh, it has been revealed from the investigation report of SSP, Mathura and magisterial enquiry that the incident in which Dr. Sonali Nandini Bose was killed occured due to carelessness and over-enthusiasm shown by the police officials. A case has been registered by local police u/s 304/34/201/218 and on the basis of investigation, a charge-sheet has been filed in the court on 6.10.2002 against three police personnel.

(c) No parallel can be drawn between two criminal cases which have their own peculiarities.

(d) Under normal circumstances, the police does not have the right of firing on any person. However, in extreme circumstances of law and order Police can resort to firing for the purpose of self-defence. Justification of firing depends on the prevailing circumstances.

(e) A case was registered by local police u/s 304/34/201/218 and on the basis of investigation, three police persons concerned have been charge-sheeted in the court on 6.10.2002. The Government of Uttar Pradesh have also intimated that an *ex-gratia* of Rs. 25,000/- has been sanctioned to the family of the deceased.

Position of Delhi Police regarding attack on Parliament case

2930. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Police has weakened its case by producing telephonic conversation as admissible evidence against people charged for conspiring for the attack on Parliament;

(b) if so, whether the honourable Delhi High Court has dismissed this evidence;

(c) whether the Delhi Police has got any other concrete evidence to produce in the court to charge the people behind the Parliament attack conspiracy; and

(d) what were the excerpts of the Delhi Police charge-sheet filed in the honourable Court against these conspirators?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) No, Sir. This evidence has been excluded only with regard to the charges covered under the Prevention of Terrorism Act, 2002.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The accused in this case have been charged under various sections of the Indian Penal Code, the Explosive Substances Act, 1908; the Arms Act, 1959; and the Prevention of Terrorism Act, 2002.